A Texas paper notes that a banke of green peaches also look extremed through a pink peek-a-boo,

It is pretty hard in these days o disastrous earthquakes and volcanie eruptions to agree with Browning that "All's right with the world."

Japan had 10,000 suicides in 1905 Contrary to a popular impression, only five grew out of disappointment at not being able to go to war.

Rev. C. E. Scott has figured that there are a thousand million heathen In the world, and the chances are that he didn't include Wall street in

The proposed establishment hatcheries for mosquito-eating fishes may prove not the least efficient aid in the continuous war upon yellow

Kansus has a wheat crop of 100,000,-000 bushels. Kansas has on deposit in its banks nearly \$100 for every inhabitant. Kansas has nothing the matter with it.

The cost of living in Japan has advanced from 40 to 50 per cent, in ten years, but the spirit of the new Japan would be reluctant to exchange its place in history for that of any previous decade.

After all, the automobilists are not All a Bartholomew county girl had to do was to point a big revolver at a chauffeur to persuade him to stop his machine while she navigated her skittish colt by it.

Dr. T. Clifford Albutt, the professor of physics at Cambridge, England, has declared that there ought to be a law against any man playing golf before he reaches the age of 35. Perhaps his idea is that up to the time when a man is 35 his chief aim in life ought to be to earn his living.

A man who had won millions of dollars playing the races died in poverty a few days ago. There are only a few men on record who have won millions playing the races, but there are many millions who have lost many dollars each and finished in comparative poverty as far as the race horse betting game is concerned.

A Cincinnati woman complained of her husband that he compelled her to eat all kinds of breakfast foods and denied her beefstenk, caramels and every other proper food. After having consumed tons of Bale-a-hay, Shaker Rusted wheat, and Scalloped peas she concluded to return to civilization by way of the divorce court.

A Boston maiden advocates a law prohibiting men who have never been married from marving widows. She declares the unmarried men fall easy victims to the wiles of widows and that it is discouraging to maldens to be forced to take widowers who have children. The lady ought to know that no legislature on earth will ever be able to cope with the widow ques tion. No and there is no law stringent enough to restrain the erratic cupid in playing his game of hearts.

Our large cities grow larger at a tremendous rate. The rural and semirural communities are steadily drained of their population to feed the towns. Census bureau figures show that during the past five years 44 out of 105 counties in Kansas show a loss in population. In Iowa all but w fewer inhabitants than they contained in 1900. Some of this decrease in both states is, however, due to emigration to Canada. In Pennsylvania the growth of cities has be much more rapid than that of the rural portion of the state.

The China seas used to swarm with pirates, and many are the tales of former times in which these outlaws figured as robbers and murderers. Modern civilization, aided by good shooting on the part of up-to-date vessels, has caused these pests almost to disappear. There are a few left. however. Thirty pirates, disguised as passengers, attacked a British steamer near Canton and afterward er caped. The occurrence demonstrates that there is still a great deal of daring wickedness "east of Suez."

The visit of Indian chiefs from Vancouver to King Edward of England recalls the time in early colonial history, when heads of savage tribe in America used to cross the water to pay respects to sovereigns in royal courts. The present visit is to secur redress for grievances alleged by the chiefs to exist, and which they wish the king to remedy. Canadian management of Indian matters has often been vaunted as wise and kindly, but it appears there are redmen up there who think they have cause for

The proprietors of a Siamese newspaper have distributed the following notice: "The news of English we tell the latest. Writ in perfectly style and most earliest. Do a murder git commit we hear of and tell it. Do a mighty chief die, we publish it, and in borders of sombre. Staff has each one been college, and write like the Kippling and the Dickens. We circle every town and extortionate not for advertisements. Buy it. Buy it. Tell each of you its greatness for good. Ready on Friday. Number

William Cullen Bryant once wrote an ode to a mosquito, beginning "Fair insect." He must have known that only the lady mosquito lights upon

It's a little disturbing to learn that an Englishman has invented a motor horse that can be attached to any vehicle, but, thank goodness, the ma chines cost \$1,500 each.

The coffee consumed in this coun

try last year cost the people \$81,000, one No wonder coffee has a tend ency to make some of us lie awake. There is a man in Michigan Sc

years old with whiskers eight foot long. Even if the papers had omitted nce to his whiskers we should have known he was no shaver.

Mr. Comstock insists with some rea son that a man need not be an author ity on art in order to give exper restimeny on impropriety.

Now that it is known the Marqui of Townshood lilted an American hetress, how can they prove he is

Marble Hill Press. 9C PER HOUR TWELVE DEAD IN EXPLOSION

FIFTEEN THOUSAND CHINESE LA BORERS OFFERED THE ISTH-MIAN COMMISSION.

mission, Which Will Be Examined Before the Award is Made.

Washington, D. C. - Proposale have been submitted to the Isthmian canal commission for the furnishing of Chinese labor to be employed in the construction of the Panama canal.

At the conclusion of the reading of the proposals, Mr. Pepperman announced that no award would be made of the contract until the proposals had been examined by the commission and its general counsel.

A summary of the four proposals submitted follow:

"The America-China Contracting Co., represented by James R. Morse, of Englewood, N. J.: Common laborers. 10 cents per hour; foremen and interpreters, 20 cents per hour; physicians, 40 cents per hour; cooks and barbers 15 cents per hour.

"International Contracting Wasnington D. C., represented by Carroll Purman, President: Laborers and cooks, 13 cents per hour; doctors, 39 cents per hour; assistant doctors, 26 cents per hour; interpreters, 21/2 times 13 cents per hour; foremen, 11/2 times 13 cents per hour. "Joel Julian Reuben, Washington, D. C.: For the first 2.500 Chinese la-

borers, 11 cents per hour; foremen, 40 cents per hour: doctors, 60 cents per hour; cooks and barbers, 30 cents per hour. or the first additional 1,000 above

2,500, laborers, 11 cents per hour. For the second additional 1,000 borers, 10% cents per hour. For the third, 16% ceaus per hour. Fourth, 10% cents. Fifth, 101/2 cents. Sixth, 101/4 cents. Seventh, 104 cents. Eighth, 10 cents. Tenth, 91/2 cents. Eleventh, 914 cents. And for the remainder of the 15,000 laborers, 9 cents per hour."

The last proposal is assumed at the department to mean that if the commission enters into contract with Mr. Reuben, and wants the full quota of 15,000 Chinese, he will furnish them at the rate of 9 cents per hour for common laborers.

OF ROBERT HITT. In Congress From Illinois For Twenty Five Years.

Ili. - Congressmar Chicago, statesman, gentleman and scholar, died at 5:30 o'clock Taursday at Narragansett Pier, R. L. of heart disease, He had been seriously ill for a week. Congressman Hitt had been in ill health for some time, and recently de-

clined to be a candidate for re-election to congress, having determined to retire from public life. He had gone to Narragansett Pier to recuperate. It was not thought that he was in a serious condition until a week ago. At that time be began to fall and despite the efforts of physicians who were with him constantly, he succumbed.

Dr. Hitt had been a member of congress for 25 years. His home was in Rochelle since he was first elected to represent the Thirteenth Illinois district. He was born in Urbana, Oan. 16, 1834. When he was 3 years old he was taken to Ogle county. Illinois, where he began his long restgence in the state. At the time of his death Mr. Hitt was chairman of the committee on foreign affairs in the house. Surviving him are his widow and two sons, Reynold, who is first assistant secretary of the American legation in Rome, and William F., a banker in New York.

No public man in America had a varied, picturesque, clever and useful career.

His father, Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, he removed to Illinois in 1837, established the Rock River seminary at Mount Morris, Ill. Here Congressman Hitt began his education, finishing at De Pauw university, Greencastle, Ind.

SUIT AGAINST WATERS-PIERCE. Attempt to Oust the Oil Company

Austin, Tex. - The long-expected suit by the state against the Waters Pierce Oll Co. was filed in the Twenty-sixth district court by Assistand Attorney General Lightfoot. The suit is for ouster from the state, cancellation of permit to do bunness in Texas for violation of the anti-trust laws of 1899 and 1903, and for penalties aggregating \$5,229,400.

Root Arrives at Panama. Panma. — The United States cruiser Charleston, having on - The United States board Secretary Root and party, anchored in the bay at four o'clock Thursday afternoon, Shortly afterward Gov. Magoon of the Canal zone; John Barrett, United States colpister.

and other American officials went on

board to greet Mr. Root. Mr. Root

and party landed at nine o'clock Friday. he city is gally decorated in honor of the American secretary of state, and Friday declared a holiday.

A General Cleaning Up.

Colon. - In anticipation of Secretary Root's passage across the isthmus, a general cleaning up has taken place along the route, laborers' houses being whitewashed, and railroad property put in order

The Army Is Ready. Washington, D. C. - Pregaration is the watchword of the army regarding Cuba. Not only have complete plans been prepared, but every department is ready to meet the emergency

of intervention if it should occur. Engineer Killed. Dayton, Ohio. -Engineer cinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, early this morning, north of this city.

Died Suddenly In Mexico. Bethiehem, Pa. -Re . Robert J. Nevin, rector of the Church of here Joan Brown, a negro section of St. Paul, within the walts of Rome for 37 years, died suddenly in Mexico | jin, a former federal officer, is fatally City, where he had been solouruing wounded.

since August last.

CARLOAD OF DYNAMITE LETS GO

Noise Heard Twenty Miles, and Nearly Every Piece of Glass Within Mile Broken.

Jellico, Tenn. - Twelve death the injuring of scores of other persons, and five hundred thousant dollars' worth of damage to property was caused here when a carle dynamite, standing on a track near the Southern railway depot, exploded with a report that was heard for 20 miles. Buildings were shattered in the business section of the town, and nearly every piece of glass within broken

There is a possibility that other bodies may be recovered from the Eighteen persons were seriously in

jured. The list of injured will reach

The freight car, belonging to the Pennsylvania railroad lines, contained 450 boxes, or 20,000 pounds of high explosives, consigned to the Rand Pow der Co., at Clearfield, Tenn.

Two causes are assigned for the explosion. One is that three parties were shooting at a mark on the car, and that a bullet entered the car causing the explosion. The other is that while the car

standing on a side track, a carload of

pig iron was switched against it, and that the impact caused the explosion Business Houses Disfigured. Business bouses were badly disfig urea and stocks of goods ruined, while residences suffered severely, windows

and doors being blown out in house one mile distant. Rescuers began work soon after the explosion and medical aid was asked of Knoxville, which sent a dozen phy sicians to administer to the wounded The holding of inquests over the bod ies of the victims was begun during

the afternoon. Many people are homeless as the result of the disaster, and as almost every chimney was destroyed, cooking can not be done in many of the

TEN THOUSAND LIVES LOST. Six Hundred Boats Lost In Hong Kong Typhoon.

Hong Konk, China,-The entire fleet of 600 fishing junks were lost in the typhoon. This increases the mortality to 10,000 persons. As late reports are received the loss

of life from the recent two typhoons is increased fully a thousand a day. Every incoming schooner, steamer or native sampson brings fresh tales of horrors, how ships were swallowed by the waves and none of their crews escaped.

Hundreds of vessels are unaccounted for and the fate of many of them will never be known.

The British governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, and naval commissioner of Hong Kong station, have dispatched fleet of torpedo boats around the is land. Hundreds of bodies have been recovered, and many survivors wrecks have been pickeup up in exhausted condition.

The loss of life among the Chinese and the water front dwellers is appalling. Whole families were wiped out in an instant. The Chinese ac cept the calamity with stoicism pecu liar to their race. Chinese hospitals are providing free burials.

Prosperity In Farming Community. The proper of the farming community is such that a general holding movement would have an important effect upon the return flow of money from the country. The demand of the country for currency is still very heavy, and higher rates are looked for, despite gold imports, until after October 1, when the crop movement is expected to enlarge. Business failures are down to the minimum bank clearings continue to expand and the country's gross rallway earnings exceed last year by fully 13 per cent. Car shortage troubles are complained of in many places, and something like another spurt has occurred in buying by railways of new material, such a rolling stock and rails. From nearly all parts of the country complaints of labor scarcity comes, the pinch being apparently greater at present in the cotton fields. All in all, the situation

GUARD JOHN D.'S GRANDSON.

is a very satisfactory ons.

While at Play, Stalwart Men Always Near.

Cleveland, O. Sept. 22.-Fowler Mc Cormick, aged 9 years, son of Harold F. and Edith Rockefeller McCormick and grandson of John D. Rockefeller, is staying at Forest Hill.

The lad plays about the grounds near the house, but never for an inpant is he left by a French maid. Within calling distance two or more stalwart guards walk about.

GUILTY IN THE PEONAGE CASE.

The Smithe and Five Tenants at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Cane Girardeau, Mo., Sept. 22,-The jury in the Smith case returned a verdict of guilty against Charles M. Smith and Charles M. Smith, Jr., and the five tenants of their farms, on the eleventh count in the penonage case. The eleventh count of the 44 indictments refers to John Reed, the negro

who was with Roosevelt in Cuba.

The Treasury Statement. Washington, D. C .- Statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve, shows: Available cash bat-

ance, \$216,250,206; gold coin and bul-Hon, \$115,830,023; Typhoon In Philippines. Manile. - A typhoon is re ported in the Philippines south of Ma-Wires are down. No report has nila. been received of damage in the province. Cavite, the arsenal and ship-

ping, was damaged. Executed a Terrorist Jew. Odessa. - The first field court martial was held here, and a ter-Smiles, of Dayton, was killed, and his profist Jew named Tarle was executed fireman, Joe McCurdy, of Lima, was for the killing of a policeman. The fatally injured, in a wreek on the Cin- court consisted of six officers of the army, whose names are kept secret.

Fight to the Death. Tulsa, Ind. Ter.-As the Dr. sult of a fight at Wekina, 11 miles east foreman, is dead and Frank McGloth-

MOB OF WHITES MAKE A NIGHT OF TERROR FOR BLACKS IN ATLANTA.

Many Negroes Killed and Wounder and the Governor Calls Out the Militia to Restore Order.

Atlanta, Ga.-A race war slarming proportions began here Saturday night. Through the night it raged with varying vigor and when Sunday morning dawned it found a number of negroes and one white man dead, a score of both races wounded and the downtown streets in po sion of eight companies of the Fifth Georgia infantry with a battery of light artillery in reserve. The Gause.

This condition came as the result of numerous and repeated assaults, or attempted assaults, upon white women by negroes. The last of an even dozen of such assaults within the limits of Fulton county, within the last nine weeks, came Saturday, when four attempts at assault were reported. The usual Saturday night crowds were largely increased by men and boys, who thronged the downtown street There was no leader and no overt act until late in the evening. About 10 o'clock a negro man shoved a white woman from the sidewalk on Whitehall street, in the center of town. Almost simultaneously a negro woman made an insulting remark to a wnite man on an adjoining street and ne administered what he considered due ounishment. From this start the excited crowd, which had become a mob began its work of destruction.

The Hunt for Negroes. Five thousand men and hove thronged the downtown streets looking for negroes. News that a riot had started brought thousands more from their homes in the suburbs and residence districts, until fully 10,000 men thronged the downtown section. They made attacks on the incoming stree cars. One car half filled with negroes approached from an outside run. The mob dashed for the car. Resistance was made by the negroes, who nad not been apprised of the trouble. Three negroes lay dead on the floor of the car when it was permitted to move on and two more were beaten into

The Mayor's Futile Efforts. When the crowd seemed to be getting beyond control, at about 19 o'clock, Mayor Woodward mounted a car platform, on Peachtree and Marietta streets, and urged the crowd to over the two figures on the ground, and disperse, declaring that the assaults of the white women would be adequately and promptly punished by que process of law. Mayor Woodward was given a respectful Learing, but when he finished, the work of destruction was resumed. He made another an peal a few moments later, but without result. Then he turned in a general fire alarm, calling the entire fire department to the scene,

To Chief Joyner he gave the laconic order: "Clear the streets." The result was to stop the mob in its work in that immediate section

and to drive it to other streets. Governor Orders Out Militia. at 11 o'clock that Gov. Terrell was appealed to to order out the state troops, Although no request had come from the sheriff, Gov. Terrell gave the a stranger, and wondered at his presorder, mobilizing the eight local infantry companies at once. Previously a police riot call had been sounded. summoning all police reserves to headquarters. With the decision to call out the troops, the big fire bell sounded once more, this time the call for every member of the militia to report forthwith at his armory. It was at most 2 o'clock Sunday morning before the first squad appeared on the streets and at 5 o'clock six compa

nies were under arms. Blacks Fleeing the City. The attacks on negroes had the effect of clearing the streets of blacks. Street hacks were abandoned at curb ings, drivers on baggage wagons vanished and their places were taken by white men.

REPORT GUNBOAT LOST

Manila, P. I It is reported that the United States gunboat Helena has been lost off the Chinese coast. No particulars have been received. The Helena was commanded Commander James C. Gillmore,

(The Heleus was built in 1894-5, has displacement of 1,397 tons, engines of 1,988 horsepower, and a speed of 15 knots per hour and cost \$280,000.)

DOWIE'S PARTING MESSAGE

Will Build a Great Mansion for the

Coming of Christ. Chicago-John Alexander Dowle delivered his parting message to his followers in Shiloh house Sunday. He talked of his plans to return to Zion City from Mexico next summer, and build a great mansion for the coming of Christ and the dawn

of the millennium. To his surprise, Lavender replied: He said his disease was a broken

TWO FOUND DEAD IN A ROOM. A 40-Year-Old Woman and an 18-Yea

Old Boy.

Indianapolis-The bodies of Mrs. Mary Williams, 40 years old, and Samuel Jones, an 18-year-old boy, both residents of this city, were found in a room at the Hotel St. James here Death was due to asphyxiation. Police officers, investigating the affair, attributed one tragic end of the couple as a result of a love affair and premeditated suicide.

Bishop Hoare's Body at Sea. Hongkong-The steamer Shao thing, from Canton, sighted the bedy of Bishop Honre, the Anglican bishop, who was drowned in the recent typhoon off Castle Peak bay. A party on board a steamer has been dispatched to recover the body.

\$100,000 Fire. Macon, Ga.-The Central City planing and lumber miles, the argest in this section, and the Central City ice plant were destroyed by fire;



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the folds of her scanty gown.

it over. Do nothing rash."

struggled to a sitting posture.

the Indian stirred restlessly and open

"The wound is slight," Winslow said,

Lavender put out her hand, and,

He pressed her hand in both of his.

"Be patient; one has gone for help,"

against a tree with an exhausted sigh.

him, though her heart beat violently

A strange smile crossed the man's

passed, and he wore again the impassive

"It is empty," he agreed, repeating

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SHE KNELT AT THE INDIAN'S SIDE

it lay out of sight. Satisfied that it was

safely hidden, the Indian hung his head

wesrily, and neither moved nor spoke.

whose arrow had flown wide of the mark.

He doubtless belonged to the Osages of

which tribe the wounded man was a

member. Examination of the tattoo

marks had satisfied him that he and his

victim were akin-that they worshiped

the Great Spirit and tortured their en-

Probably there would have been no

"And you Owatoga, you come

'But where are the dispatches?'

ally careful. He had nothing in the way

of papers when he fell, Miss Creighton?"

of briar from her skirt, and replied

without looking up: Indeed, you can

well imagine that I was too frightened

"I am sure it was a pretty hard expe-

"She is

the soldier agreed.

plucky, isn't she?" he said to Winslow,

with an admiring nod in Lavender's di-

to pay much attention to particulars.

Lavender paused to disentangle a bit

breast.

rection.

camp.

stooped to raise her. "Come." But she Lavender lingar to say: "We hope to

implied much more.

emies after the same good way.

nerve alert-waiting.

Lavender, too, stood slient, with every

AND LIFTED HIS HEAD TO HER

oner behind the inscrutable eyes.

lost the dispatches."

"See, It is empty," she said.

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the fort.

Lavender said.

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Next morning Lavender strolled idly into the woods back of the fort. Familiarity with the forest had softened its terrors, and she welcomed its solitude now in relief from the curious eyes and wagging tongues of all in the garrison. For news of the avertand she was tired of questions,

whispers and looks askance. The woods were more friendly: silent, save the sighing of leade branches in restless wooing of the pring. Already, promise of her coming lay in the tiny brown buds of yel low-green shoots that peeped bravely out beneath the sheltering heaps of his eyes. He tried to rise, but sank back moldering leaves. Occasionally Lavender stopped

pick a twig that the frost had gilded.

or a bit of sumach to which he had spared the scarlet. On a sudden, the whizz of an arrow rang in her ears, and she felt its wind on her face. At the moment, an Indian staggered through the underbrush. He turned upon her the beseeching look of a wounded stag, then with

Her impulse was to run, leaving the wounded man to his fate. For might not another arrow follow-herself its

a guttural moan, fell as if lifeless at

But after a moment's hesitation, she knelt at the Indian's side, and lifted the unconscious head to her lap. The ghastly bunch of feathers pr truded from the buckskin coat: one in stant's shuddering pause, then with quick jerk she wrenched the from its yet pulsing sheath. Warm gushing, the blood followed. Untying her 'kerchief, she stanched its flow. In the wounded man's belt was flask of brandy with which she moist sned his lips, and rubbed his great, limp hands and slanting forehe

gaze, wide with pity. "All right?" she murmured. He nodded, keeping his gaze on her then with an "Ugh!" of relief, closed his eyes again.

Slowly his eyes opened, and met he

Afraid to call, the girl sat motionless. Shouts might bring another arrow, and surely help would come soon! There was a rustle in a tangle of evergreen near; the bushes were part ed, and a head, surmounted by a towering circle of gaudy feathers, peeped cautiously forth.

Lavender's heart almost stopped beating, but she gave no sign. The Indian advanced, his gigantic, plumed head brushing the trees. He stooped without touching the girl, raised the arm of the unconscious one. Pushing back the sleeve, he examined th strange tattoo marks which defaced the dark skin. Apparently the scrutiny satisfied him-he rose, and, picking up the arrow, calmly wiped the blood from it and replaced it in his own guiver. Then without word or sign, he departed as silently as he had

In a stupor of fright, Lavender sa mechanically stanching the blood, her eyes upon the bushes whence the say

age had intruded. There were few hostile Indians about and the settlers had grown bold. Lavenat this sudden apparition. Familiar with all the friendly Indians about the fort, she knew the wounded man to be ence in the neighborhood.

It was not long before she heard voices Suddenly her eyes alighted upon and the tramp of feet. Led by Winslow. packet that had fallen from a small a party of soldiers from the fort came to knapsack he carried. This, with his travel-worn clothes, proclaimed him a the relief. A few questions were asked. and Lavender stold her story. Her derunner-a bearer of messages from scription of the second Indian who had camp to camp. so mysteriously come and gone, led

For the second Indian she could not account, but this one was evidently come with news for Col. Mitchell. In her haste to get the brandy, she had disturbed the dispatches, and a few blood spots dabbled the writing. Care fully she wiped away the stains, intending to replace them in the knapsack when a name caught her eye-a name which made her turn from red to white with alarm-Charles Winslow, and closely following it the words, "spy"

trouble in any event, but now they might feel doubly secure. and "traitorous designs." The writing fascinated her; the char-Washington?" acters burnt deep into her memory and she kept her gaze upon them as if to assure herself that she read arightthat the words "spy" and "traitor" did. indeed, stand close to the name of Lavender held her breath. Winslow.

At the moment she heard footsteps not stealthy. Firm and sure they crunched the dead leaves, and the noise was inspiring after the awful calm of the forest and its savage tenants.

terfered. "You see he is so weak; can-She had only time to hide the nacket not the questions wait?" of dispatches in the folds of her gown, when a familiar voice called her name. proceeded to camp, bearing the wounded and Winslow's face, his eyes shining man on the litter. and mirthful, peered across the intervening thicket. "I've caught you, runwith Lavender. The officer said: "It is away." he was beginning, but the words curious that Owatoga should have lost froze on his lips. "God in Heaven, what those dispatches. He'is frequently sent from Fort Washington here, and is usu-

to speak lightly, though her voice trembled. "Be careful; there are Indians about. This one was hurt by a random arrow; there may be others." Winslow sprang to her side. "Shatt I take your place; or would you rather wait a minute while I go for help?

She lifted a warning finger, and tried

"Neither-yet." Then, with a gesture that enjoined atlence, she handed him the dispatches. On the bosom of her gown they had left a tiny red stain. "Read those," she

He hesitated. "You must be my first care; let the papers wait." But she insisted: "Read!" Indifferently he opened the papers.

commanded.

nushed him aside

but at the first sentence started with an exclamation of indignant astonish. Rapidly his eyes scanned the page, but without waiting to finish it. he

Mother and I will be waiting in her ras given strong meaning by her look balf command, half entreaty. This wa , tersely. Then, bending over the emphasized, too, by a slight rustle of the counded man: "He must be brought to papers as she clasped both hands to her bodice that rose and fell with every namp," he said: "and you you are

come, swimms breath. When, an hour or two later, Winslow But she interrupted him. "I will not presented himself at Mrs. Creighton's stir, or rouse this man until I know the oor, it was with feelings hard to define ts of those dispatches; they fell If the dispatch were discovered, or if it from his knapsack, and I was about to remained secret, were alternatives 'spy.' That was snough for me. I appropriated the dispatches. Now tell me horror of any underhands. put them back when I saw-" she hest-Bending low he whispered: "Burr is as he knocked for entrance. And then; a prisoner. I am to be held here pend- "No, I will leave it to her," was his second resolve, as the door opened and Lavender stood before him. ing his trial. They have orders to ar-

For in spite of the defiant sparkle in A mischievous smile dimpled the corher eyes, and the scarlet in each ners of her mouth, and a little color. cheek, there was about her an atcrept into her pale cheeks.

"Pardon me. I have the orders to arrest nosphere of such absolute funsuch fearless consciousness of you;" and she slipped the dispatches such fearless consciousness of integ-into their hiding place, and over the rity, that Winslow was ashamed of his own scruples. They seemed pusitianitell-tale spots of blood arranged anew gous beside her instinctive parception of the right. Winslow was about to remonstrate

"She is one of the few who can I but she shook her head in warning as law unto herself, and yet ware the narrow path," he thought,

Mrs. Creighton came at once subject uppermost in the minds of all. after a hasty examination; "but he is faint from loss of blood. I will have a Lavender has told me everything, Mr. Winslow, and I have read the dispatch can scarcely contain my indignation litter brought here as quickly as posmy sympathy for you, or my personal that you are brought to this trouble through care for us.

grasping his sleeve, pulled him toward She beckoned him to a seat be until her lips were very near his er, and her voice sank to a confiden "First you must promise me to say tial time; "but tell me what you think nothing of the dispatches-let us talk

Winslow hesitated. "There are tw lans which suggest themselves. One and, with a significant smile, hurried to s to go direct to the commander, explain all, and prove my innocence, if Soon the Indian rallied a little, and possible, relying upon his justice. The other—" he paused, meaningly, and lowered his voice. "The other—is to take French leave at our first opportu There was blood on her dress where the dusky head had lain, and the girl, nity.

Mrs. Creighton smiled as she said tired and weak after the cramped postsympathetically: "And you are at a loss how to act? I can well understand tion, staggered to her feet and leaned All this the red man noted. "White

naiden tired?" Then his eyes sought But Lavender, who was all this time the knapsack, and he made an effort to impatiently tapping her foot against reach it. Lavender quietly handed it to the andiron, turned her back to the chimney piece, her whole figure vibrating with indignation. "You stand his besitation, mother? Well, I dark face—a smile of cunning, secret inconfess I don't! Why should we telligence. Only for an instant; it give up these dispatches? It would to nobody any good, and would cause look-his savage soul once more a prisa great deal of harm. Mr. Winslow's onscience is clear-what is to be gained by the mockery of a trial? They her words and inflection; "Owatoga has would find him guilty, of coursethen as her listeners started in sur-Then, stretching out his hand for the prise-"He is guilty of the only thing of which he stands accused—connec sack, he deliberately dropped it in the ion with the Burr expedition. You would not deny that. So you see it was providential that we got hold of

> laughed merrily, "if I am not mistaken, got hold of the papers first." Here Winslow reminded her: "But you have forgotten the Indian. There s every reason to fear his explanation, or, in any case, the investigation h may set on foot."

Lavender did not reply for a nent. She was thinking of the Indan's face when he said "Owatoga has ost the dispatches." Of the look in his eye when he hid the empty knapsack. She recaused his silence later when interrogated by the corporal, and ner belief was strong that from Owatoan they had nothing to fear.

But ashamed lest she be thought Trial size 10 cm. by mail.

over-confident, she said only: "Let us Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. not worry about Owatoga; only let us go as soon as we can." "Then you approve of the French

"Strongly, sir; don't you, mother?" and she sank to the stool at her moth er's feet-all the frowning impatience gone from the beautiful face. Mrs. Creighton spoke softly, twisting the tiny curls on the fair, bent head at her knee. "From a selfish point of view, daughter, I certainly do. if Mr. Winslow stands trial, he will be

detained here indefinitely, and we with him, or adrift without him. It is char-acteristic of his generosity that he acteristic of his generosity that he them to believe him a wandering hunter lets two helpless women decide heir own advantage. He may prefer the more open course, and we must insist that he alone decide. It is a choice of evils-as are most things his complex world." She ended beween a smile and a tear. "A hard choice, truly," Lavender

agreed, with a saucy tilt of her chin. But think of the brave company you would be in. Choose at once, sirprisoner here, alone, or a thief in the night with mother and me, the abeting malefactors!

The Indian nodded, and his question. er-a corporal of the guard-persisted: All joined in the laugh, and Winslow felt his spirits rise as with a new and In the second's pause which followed, strange elixir. "A thief in the night be it, then!" he said, in mock heroics, "Owatoga has lost them," the Indian Then soberly the plan of action was grunted, and, with a show of great faagreed upon. They were to say nothtigue, his head fell forward on his ing of the dispatches, but to seize the first pretext to leave the fort. "Beg pardon, corporal," Lavender in-

"And in order that there may be we burnt," and going to the grate, Laven-Obedient to her suggestion, the squad der dropped the dispatches on the heart of the coals. Slowly the edges uncurled in a last mischievous attempt Winslow and the corporal waiked to reveal the secret; then a greedy flame devoured the papers.

"Ashes!" Lavender exclaimed, in triumph. Then, turning to Winslow: there is nobody now to call you apy or traitor!"

(To Be Continued)

The Fame of Damrosch. "At the Nice casino, during the see son there, I attended," said a Pitts burg woman, "a concert given by Slegfried Wagner's orchestra.

"There were many Americans this concert. Next to me sat an olderly American woman in a beautiful gown, and a noted Russian countess "Very," was the laconic response, but was beside her.

Winslow's manner as he took her arm "The two, during the intermission began to converse. The Russian lady The soldier chatted aimlessly, and in had visited America several times. She silence the two followed him back to was conversant with American music. Occasionally the maid stole a Sho said a number of intelligent glance half humble, half defaut, at things in good English, but my corn-Winslow. He would shake his head patriot's replies I was unable to hear with a severe frown-which, however, Finally, though, I did hear one. "'Don't you think,' said the Rus-At the bastion gute they separated, sinn, that Damrosch is the best con

"'I dunno,' said my compatriot, 'as see you after supper, Mr. Winslow. I never rid on his car."- N. O. States

was not so brilliant as was that received by her mate. and while the corporal went in advance, ductor in America?"



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